

HEALD Initiative

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The Union Home Minister recently unveiled the HEALD Initiative to combat liver diseases across India.

About HEALD Initiative

- HEALD (**Healthy Liver Education and Alcohol-associated Liver Disease Prevention**) is a first-of-its-kind **nationwide initiative** aimed at **tackling liver disease in India** .
- It was **launched by the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS)**.
- HEALD is envisioned as a **multi-sectoral program** combining public education, early screening, psychological and medical treatment of alcohol use disorder, and liver disease management.
- The initiative helps to tackle the disease **through awareness, prevention, rehabilitation, and policy integration**.
- It also aims to **reduce the stigma surrounding alcohol dependence** by integrating mental health support, community outreach, and policy reform into liver care.

- The initiative is grounded in the principle that “behind every failed liver lies a missed opportunity” — and HEALD seeks to ensure no such opportunity is lost again.

Key Facts about Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences

- It is a **tertiary care, super-specialty hospital** located in **Vasant Kunj, New Delhi**.
- It was **established in 2009** by the **Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi** as an **autonomous institute** under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- The ILBS is a **mono-super speciality hospital**, which means that it **provides primarily liver and biliary care**.
- This **focus on a single organ system** allows the institute to achieve a high degree of expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of liver and biliary diseases.
- The hospital also has a dedicated research center.

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